

## THE BARRE DAILY TIMES

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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

A Perry has been elected United States senator from Mississippi, but that's better than a Vardaman.

Governor Peary lent his good right hand to Governor Draper at the latter's Washington birthday reception in Boston. Probably 'twas the glad hand, too.

Now that the New York state board of health has put the ban on common drinking cups, we suppose the tippler at the Rialto law tables will demand his today in individual cups.

Vermont's winter is mild and salubrious compared with the 38 degrees below at Butte, Montana, on Tuesday night. Wonder if they drag around on runners nine months of the year!

While not wishing to pose as a calamity howler, President Hamilton of Tufts college says that the present tendencies, if carried out, will mean "either a Democrat or Theodore Roosevelt" for president of the United States. Now that would be shocking, wouldn't it, President Hamilton?

No wonder the Philadelphia strikers immediately hosed the boy soldiers of the Fenobles, who were sent out to check the rioting. The authorities might as well have sent out a row of wooden soldiers, so far as the effect on the rioters was concerned. The work was no boys' play, and boys should not have been sent out to do it.

Mayer Carpenter of Rutland is building well his chances for political preferment by refusing to take a salary of \$800 and demanding that he be set at \$200. He also asserted that \$800 was too much for the commissioner of public works, also \$800 for commissioner of public safety, whatever that may be. He thus showed that he was not in the office for the salary, nor to boost the salary of his friends.

Massachusetts' colony of bank-wreckers is being added to with alarming rapidity. That the latest sensation was in connection with a national bank is remarkable, and the reasons why the institution had been given a clear bill of health by the examiner will probably be the subject for thorough investigation by the government. The employee whose peculations are said to have been the cause of the bank's closing is now accused of taking \$144,000. The way a national bank clerk could cover up the tracks and divide the government's examiner to that extent is something which the latter ought to explain.

## PENSIONING PEARY.

Just why the United States government should pay Robert E. Peary \$5,000 a year and the thanks of Congress besides is not apparent. It is true enough that Peary is reported to have discovered the north pole, but he attempted it more as a personal venture and with the expectation of reaping the financial rewards on the lecture platform. The financial rewards are sure to be his, in view of the fact that great crowds are turning out to hear his story of the dash for the pole, and they will continue to hear him for many years. On top of this, there is the money which he will get for published stories of the great expedition. Therefore, Peary is not dependent upon the largesses of Congress for a living, and Congress is not in duty bound to reward him with a money consideration. Wouldn't a medal suitable for the glory of the enterprise be in better taste than pensioning the explorer for life?

## AN "IDEAL LABOR WAR."

In the course of an extended editorial comment on the labor settlement in Barre and vicinity, the Boston Transcript declares that "in one respect the conduct of the strike has come as near the ideal as a labor war could," referring to the lack of vandalism and adding that any malcontent might have in a single night done thousands of dollars worth of damage, which is undoubtedly true. Other observers of the conditions have commented on the conditions which obtained in Barre, and their conclusions have been somewhat similar to those of the Boston contemporary. The same has been remarked in the local field; but here the result was taken as a matter of course, since the status of the disputants was so well known. Right here let it be said that the conditions in Barre are quite a bit different than they are in many other labor fields in the country, in that the unions have in their midst a large number of the leading men of the community, whose conception of citizenship is high and whose respect for the rights and property of others is well founded. They would be the first to deny any attempt at violence, and they would discountenance any vandalism which might

seemingly be committed by some zealot in their cause. That tone pervaded the whole controversy from beginning to end.

Moreover, the close relationship between employer and employed served to retain harmonious conditions, even when the differences seemed well-nigh insurmountable. Employers were once employed at the bank; and they knew exactly how the latter felt about the matters at issue. Many of the present employees were once employers themselves, and they also had a good comprehension of the other side. Again, members of families sometimes found themselves arrayed on opposite sides of the controversy, and the ties of blood continued strong. These, then, were some of the reasons why the late dispute is perhaps worthy of the Boston contemporary's designation of an "ideal labor war," in the sense that violence of any sort was not indulged in. It is one of the few satisfying features of the struggle.

## Current Comment

## A Law That Vermont Needs.

"Illinois is to have a direct primary law. The opposition to the proposed measure was in the House and it was beaten by 94 to 28. The thing is coming. A way must be found to limit the expense that is now sometimes involved, but the people are sure in the long run to insist on their right to do their own selecting."—Hartford Courant.

And in no state in New England is such a law more needed than in Vermont, where, for the most part, Republican nominations are equivalent to elections, and, consequently, the state's most important officers are chosen, not under the jealous scrutiny of the ballot law, but in loosely organized caucuses and conventions that are more or less controlled or manipulated by political middlemen that stand between the people and their government.—St. Albans Messenger.

## Burlington's Reputation at Stake.

Burlington long enjoyed the distinction of being the convention city of Vermont and for that matter of northern New England. Bodies larger than Green Mountain state organizations have made this city a Mecca, and as a result Burlington has become known throughout the country for its hospitality as well as for its attractions for summer assemblies in particular.

Burlington is in imminent danger of losing this distinction, and this menace comes from two directions. We are falling behind in the matter of furnishing adequate and attractive accommodations for national conventions, and other cities in Vermont are competing with us successfully for state conventions.

Burlington was recently asked if it could entertain the American Bar association the coming August, and considerable doubt was expressed in that connection, even though the matter was taken in hand before the loss by fire of one of our leading hotels. This is a condition we can not afford to have continue, and sooner or later the people of Burlington will become adequately aroused to the full importance of this situation. Fortunately we have not yet reached the danger point, but we can avoid it only by promptly taking radical actions.—Burlington Free Press.

## A Record Not Often Equalled.

On Tuesday the village trustees voted to disburse with the further services of Arthur H. Thompson, for nearly 30 years connected with the local police service and during most of that time as chief of police. The unusual feature of the situation is not that Chief Thompson has been retired, but that with numerous changes in the appointing power he was not retired before. Twenty years' continuous service in the police department of a small village like Bellows Falls, where each is pretty well acquainted with his neighbor's business is a great compliment to Mr. Thompson. There are not many men wearing out shoe leather who could have turned the trick.

The trustees have not made public reasons for a change but no doubt they appeared good and sufficient to them and they are men of good judgment on most questions. The fact remains, however, that Chief Thompson will be missed. His job is no snap. He has had in his care the property and the morals of the community to no small degree. His department has been looked to for safety from fire and burglary by night and the streets must be kept decent and safe at all hours of both day and night. The duties of his office brought him in daily contact with the wayward and unfortunate, a class that Sunday schools have little to do with and many of these unfortunates can testify that they got a square deal. In handling petty criminals, if Chief Thompson erred, it was in being too human. He was kind to those who had strayed from the straight path. He had sympathy and kind words for those who suffered.

Chief Thompson made mistakes, and who does not? He has enemies, and who has not? With all the faults that can be charged against him he was a pretty good man for the job. Bellows Falls will probably never again have a

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## Jingles and Jests

## LENT, 1910.

At last the Lent, and now content Comes o'er us, calm and sweet, For while it last we all may fast And stint ourselves on meat.

No more we may three times a day Devour chop, roast or steak, By night and main we must abstain And of less fish partake.

In other years we've fought with tears Such rules and laws severe, But now we yield, our joy revealed With ill-dissembled cheer.

For, oh, each steak that we forsake To munch instead a crust Is one less sale, which fact we hail, That night, enrich the trust.

Each time a chop or roast we drop We've struck the trust a blow, For every day we've many ways To fill the trust with woe.

So fill the dish with humble fish And at the butcher peer, Oh, what content if only Lent Could last the whole glad year! —Paul West in New York World.

## How He Won Her Back.



"At one time the wedding was declared off. But it fixed again since he bought her a present."

"What is the present?" "Nobody knows but him. He told her he would give her the present after the wedding, and she's bound to find out what it is if she has to marry him."

A Proof of It. "Maud says she would die for Harold."

"Ah! That accounts for her being a blond this season."—Baltimore American.

All Broken Up.



Author—Why did you draw my hair one with a piece of coat plaster on her cheek?

Artist—Why, in the last chapter her face fell, didn't it?

One Proof. "Jones is certainly crooked."

"He nearly had a fit when I accused him of it."—Cleveland Leader.

Some Cakes All Dough. You can't have cakes And eat them, too, Unless they lodge As some cakes do.

## EAST BARRE.

Silver Leaf Circle of Lady Foresters will meet Tuesday evening.

Silas Jenney of the City was here calling on friends and for business Saturday.

Ned and Ernest Hutchins have been here visiting their respective homes for a few days.

Dr. Minard is suffering from the second attack of the grip and he feels himself in its grip severely.

Again the sound of the hammer is heard, as nearly, if not all, the stone-cutters have begun work.

Herbert Hutchins moved his family to Barre Wednesday, where he has work driving team for Barclay Brothers.

Shirley, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gauthier, was taken to the hospital for an operation for appendicitis the first of the week.

Miss Jennie Glander was taken to the hospital at Montpelier Monday afternoon for an operation for appendicitis Tuesday. At last report she was resting comfortably.

Court Phil Sheridan, F. of A., held their first regular meeting for March Wednesday evening, March 2. As business of importance is to come before the court, all members are asked to be present.

Mrs. H. E. Sargent was somewhat surprised last Friday evening when quite a number of her brother and sister grangers called on her to remind her that another milestone on the highway of her life was passed. A thoroughly good time was enjoyed till a late, or rather early, hour.

The "Y" meeting at Mrs. Cooney's Tuesday evening was very well attended, about 50 of the members being present, as well as several of the W. C. T. U. ladies. Miss Elrick, "Y" secretary and Miss Pease, S. T. R. worker, were here and gave very interesting talks on their respective lines of work. Cake and coffee were served.

## RED CROSS RESULTS.

Report of H. S. Howard to National Treasurer.

Burlington, Feb. 24.—H. S. Howard, treasurer of the Vermont Red Cross, has reported to the national treasurer of the American Red Cross that the total receipts from the sale of Christmas stamps and postals for the 1909 holiday season was, in Vermont, \$396.92, divided between 36,643 stamps sold and 759 postal cards. The cost of the sale was \$87.29, and 29 per cent. of the gross receipts has been sent to the treasurer of the American Red Cross at Washington, D. C., \$128.25. This 30 per cent. from all the states covers the cost of the stamps, distribution, and any balance is for the work of the National Red Cross. The net balance credited to the fund of the state chapter for the relief fund of needy patients at the Vermont sanatorium, as a result of the stamp sale, is \$288.25.

Relief from this fund has already been extended to patients from Bellows Falls and Burlington and a donation has been made to the summer camp for tubercular patients at Brattleboro.

The sale in 1909 was somewhat larger than in 1908, when the net balance to the work in the state was \$275. Mr. Howard, who acted as state agent for the American Red Cross, placed the Christmas stamps on sale in 48 towns in Vermont, and among the larger places the following list gives the order according to the amount of the returns from each: Burlington, \$69.98; Brattleboro, \$55.00; Woodstock, \$32.25; Springfield, \$22.04; St. Albans, \$22.04; Bellows Falls, \$21.70; Rutland, \$16.79; Montpelier, \$14.57; Proctor, \$12.50; Randolph, \$10.45; Derby Line, \$10.35; St. Johnsbury, \$10.00; Manchester, \$9.13; Castleton, \$7.24; Middlebury, \$6.49; West Rutland, \$6.00; Barre, \$5.49; Ludlow, \$4.71.

The balance of the smaller towns reported less amounts from the Christmas sale. There were also on sale Christmas stamps put out by Federation of Women's club in Vermont. Though of a different design from the Red Cross, they were also sold for the benefit of tubercular work.

The Vermont chapter of the Red Cross has just received a donation of \$5 from Assembly chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is to be devoted to the Red Cross tubercular work in this state.

## SUE TO RECOVER ON NOTES.

Brattleboro Man Brings Suit Against Two Men.

Brattleboro, Feb. 24.—Suit was entered yesterday in the Windham county court by William F. Dunley against Harry A. Bingham and H. A. Parkman of Springfield to recover \$1,200 on a promissory note. Papers were served on Bingham and Parkman in Springfield by Deputy Sheriff Chauncey I. Knapp, who attached Bingham's household goods and holdings in industrial concerns and real estate for the amount. Parkman's holdings of the Rye Electric Vehicle company were also attached. It is alleged that on October 1, 1909, Bingham and Parkman gave Dunley a note for three months for \$1,000 and that repeated requests to pay have met with no response. The case is returnable at the April term of the Windham county court.

## No Relief.

Indignant Passenger (to railway manager)—Here, I say! I got a cinder in my eye from one of your engines, and it cost me \$10 for a doctor to get it out and dress the eye. Now, what do you propose to do in the matter?

Railway Manager—Nothing, my dear sir, nothing. We have no use for the cinder, and you are perfectly welcome to it. No doubt, strictly speaking, you did go off with our property—the cinder, of course, was not yours—but we do not care to make a fuss about such a small matter. Pray do not give the incident a moment's thought.—New York Journal.

## The Right Kind of an

Insurance policy increases in cash value every year, in always an easy and sure collateral if properly arranged, and finally becomes in most cases the sole source of family support. No time service has been devised. First year, National Life Insurance Company, Montpelier, Vt. (Mutual).

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## PRODUCED AN ECLIPSE.

The Persian Astronomers Were More Diplomatic Than the English.

Official Chinese astronomers sometimes get their heads cut off for not correctly forecasting an eclipse. Thus, in 1818, the astronomer royal, of a visit paid about thirty years ago to the observatory in Greenwich park by the shah of Persia of that date. The shah made a great point of visiting the British state observatory in company with King Edward, who was then the Prince of Wales.

Sir George Airy was the astronomer royal and showed the party over the building and gave them peeps through telescopes. "Now, show me an eclipse of the sun," said the shah, speaking in French. Sir George pretended not to hear and led the way to another instrument. "Dog of an astronomer," said the shah, "produce me an eclipse." Sir George politely said he had not got one and could not oblige the king of kings. "Ho, ho," said the shah, turning in great indignation to the Prince of Wales. "You hear; cut his head off!" Sir George's life was, as a matter of fact, spared, but in the course of a year he retired and was succeeded by the present astronomer royal.

On his appointment that gentleman was astounded at receiving a letter of congratulation from the shah of Persia. The shah evidently thought that his request had been attended to, though with some delay. He proceeded to tell the new astronomer royal that he had a few days before writing witnessed a total eclipse of the sun in the observatory at Teheran. This was perfectly correct, but the suggestion seemed to be that the Teheran astronomers knew their business and had the good sense to arrange an eclipse when a royal visitor wished for one and so escape decapitation.—Sir Ray Lankester in London Telegraph.

## James the Great.

The educated chimpanzee known as James the Great is at present one of the sensations of the vaudeville stage in Europe. A man who saw him perform in Germany writes: "The animal does all sorts of tricks under the direction of his master and at one time occupies the stage all alone, and then he becomes the most interesting. He wears long black trousers, a green pea jacket and a light felt hat of alpine shape. The monkey makes his bow and advances to the wings, where he receives from an attendant a bicycle, which he mounts and rides around the stage at all speeds from the very slow to racing time and seems to enjoy it. Then he does some fancy riding and closes by wheeling in and out among a dozen champagne bottles, coming dangerously close to some of them, but hitting none. He is a wonderful example of the trainer's patience and the monkey's adaptability."

## The Supreme Court.

The full supreme court of the United States consists of nine members, including the chief justice. The present membership: Chief Justice, Melville W. Fuller of Illinois; associate justices, John M. Harlan of Kentucky, David J. Brewer of Kansas, Edward D. White of Louisiana, Joseph McKenna of California, Oliver W. Holmes of Massachusetts, William R. Day of Ohio, William H. Moody of Massachusetts and H. R. Lutton of Tennessee.

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## A Perplexing Problem.

I found the great inventor standing by his work bench. His massive brow was crinkled and gnarled and told me he was concentrating his wonderful thought upon some mystifying problem. Before I could arouse him from his state of profound meditation I found it necessary to drop a sledgehammer on the floor and to yell at him in my loudest tone. But when he looked up and recognized me his absorbed manner changed instantly and he greeted me with most reassuring affability.

I asked him if he were still worrying over his wireless telegraphic invention. "Oh, my, no!" he answered me. "I completed that and got it off my mind a week ago. The wireless device I am now trying to evolve is infinitely more perplexing."

I asked him what his intended device was. "A wireless fly screen," he told me.—Chicago News.

No Humor, but Abundant Sarcasm. "A woman hasn't any sense of humor," said the cynic.

"Perhaps that is so," answered Miss Cynicism. "The lack is probably what keeps us from laughing at some men's efforts to be serious."—Washington Star.